

## WORKING FOR CHEAP GAS

W. P. POLAND STILL URGING DEVELOPMENT OF ARDMORE RESOURCES

W. P. Poland of this city is still working for the development of the natural resources of this town. Cheap natural gas is his hobby and he deserves the co-operation of the people in bringing about this condition. The following letters are self explanatory:

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 21, 1908.

Mr. W. P. Poland,  
Ardmore, Okla.

Dear Sir:—Mr. Spaulding secretary of the commercial club, has sent me a clipping from an Ardmore paper relating a proposition to the citizens of your city to secure funds to develop gas properties in your vicinity.

I have written Mr. Spaulding that I am in touch with people in New York City who are at present owners and operators of gas properties, who might possibly be interested in your locality with a view of establishing another gas company in Ardmore, believing they can furnish your city with cheaper gas than you now pay and still make money.

I happen to know of several manufacturing propositions that would have located in Ardmore some time ago had it not been for high gas.

Your city is so located that it is very desirable for the manufacturing of certain things, and if you have gas at the right figure, there is no question but what it would mean a great deal to the city.

If you know of any property near Ardmore that is liable to produce gas, I believe that our people would be interested in developing it with you, and in forming another company there to own and operate same and conduct a gas business.

I should be pleased to hear from you as to what you feel able to do in this connection.

Yours very truly,  
HOWARD M. HYATT,  
Poland's Answer.

Howard M. Hyatt, Investment Broker,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:—Our people are in earnest about getting cheap factory gas. We have only to go after it. It is here. We would be glad to entertain any proposition from the outside that will develop our many raw materials. A short line of 8 miles of railroad would strike one of the richest fields of mineral in the world. Such a road would enter our mineral three miles southwest of Ardmore and could run five miles through the greatest rock asphalt, cement, shale, phosphate, natural gas and oil fields in the world. On this short line of railroad there is raw material enough to give work to 5,000 men. Our rock asphalt has solved the paving question. It is the cheapest and "best paving on earth." (B. P. O. K.) We have enough to pave the domains of our Uncle Samuel and then enough left to paint the dome of the universe, and then some to manufacture into other products—cement rock sufficient for several large factories, shale for the manufacture of all kinds of brick, pottery, tiling etc., phosphate to fertilize all the worn out lands of the old south, and then natural gas and oil right at the plants to furnish the cheapest fuel on earth to run them. Money—why sir, if all these industries were started on that short line of road, a regular stream of wealth would pour into the pockets of the promoters. Two millions of dollars could be expended there and every dollar would pay its 25 per cent dividend annually. You will please allow for my enthusiasm, but all I ask is for you to come and see, and bring the money to do it with, for I feel confident you will see it as I do. In conclusion I will say, come and be convinced. Thanking you for your inquiry, I am,

Yours truly,

W. P. POLAND.

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Two Fires.

The fire department was called out Christmas eve about 10:30 p. m. to a fire which was said by the person turning in the alarm to be on F street. On reaching the point mentioned it was seen that the fire was some miles out in the country. No news has been received from it.

A big blaze started from a trash fire near Hugh Ledbetter's home this morning about 11:30. The firemen reached there in time to prevent its doing any damage.

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Guilty of Counterfeiting.

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## WHAT OF TAFT BALL?

PENSION BUILDING CLOSED AGAINST FUNCTION—WHERE WILL IT BE HELD?

Washington, Dec. 26.—Where shall the inaugural ball be held?

This is the question which is agitating the minds of the inaugural committee and society folk here. For many years this has been the crowning feature of the installation into office of a new president but four years ago congress very reluctantly gave its consent to the use of the pension office building and followed this action up by adopting a resolution that the building should not again be put in disorder for such a purpose.

To properly prepare the structure the event means the removal from the court of millions of valuable records besides the almost complete cessation of the government business for not less than twenty days by the army of clerks who daily pass upon pension cases.

There already is afoot however, a movement to utilize the building, as in the past for the ball and the house committee on the District of Columbia will bring in a resolution to that end after the holidays. Unless the temper of congress has undergone a radical change in the last four years the resolution will meet with defeat.

The only other building in the city where the ball could be held is the new national museum, now near completion, but this structure, because of the absence of a court such as the pension building has, would lessen the brilliancy of the function by confining the guests to the corridors.

The receipts from the inaugural ball in the past have gone toward paying the expenses of the inauguration, and the matter therefore has become one of serious moment.

Fourth Class Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The following fourth class postmasters were appointed for Oklahoma postoffices today: Anna B. Van Alstyne succeeds W. S. Williams who was removed from the postoffice at Bokonia; J. G. Jones succeeds W. H. Koenig who was removed from the postoffice at Chattanooga; Dennis Tally succeeds N. F. Denison removed from the office at Kinloch; August Nelson was appointed at Bakke; Cora Nelson at Chigley; N. E. Campbell, at Dougherty; E. G. Holland, at Lockridge; Fred W. Parks, at Pocatonga; Wm. Henry H. Clayton at Thomasville; Frances L. Dean at Mondamin; William Johnson at Curtis; Theron Andrew, at Galent; Lydia Taft at Kinsey; Horace P. Witt, at Lorena; J. H. Barker, at Lak-tuta; Maud Williams, at Brushy; John Steel, at Reading; William Wilson, at Siler; Ernest E. Tripp, at North Kingsville.

## MAN SHOT AT CHARVARI

GEORGE SUTTON, GROOM OF FEW HOURS, SHOTS AND FATAL- LY WOUNDS H. CRISS.

Sulphur, Okla., Dec. 26.—George Sutton, aged 29, who was yesterday married to a Miss Brewer, shot and probably fatally wounded Henry Criss, aged 39, three miles southeast of Sulphur last night.

Criss and other neighbors of Sutton went to the latter's home to characterize him and his wife. Sutton walked to a side door and fired a revolver through the door, the bullet striking Criss in the right side just below the arm pit. Criss was hurriedly removed to the home of his father-in-law, Harry Pugh, about a mile away and there doctors hurriedly summoned from Mill Creek to attend him. Criss' condition is reported today as being very critical.

Sutton was brought to Sulphur today by Sheriff Maxwell and lodged in the county jail. Sutton says he had no intention of shooting anyone, expecting to shoot through the door and frighten away the crowd.

## Taxable Lands.

Washington, Dec. 26.—According to the best figures that are available from the records, there are eleven million acres of land of the five civilized tribes taxable because of removal of restrictions at various times. Including 1,375,324 acres reserved from allotment for the proposed forest reserve in the Choctaw nation, there are 7,925,996 acres which are not taxable.

This is the problem that troubles the eastern half of the state. This is particularly true just at this time when the average individual is paying taxes, or about to, and is being informed that the amount is about three times what he has ever paid before. The point is, there is a general demand that all of this untaxed land be made taxable, or at least a large

portion of it, eliminating only a forty acre homestead for each Indian. It can readily be seen what a difference it would make in the taxes of old Indian Territory if all the land were made taxable instead of only half of it.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Knights of Pythias at Presbyterian Church.

On Christmas morning at 10:30, services were held at the First Presbyterian church. This was the only church except the Episcopal in Ardmore where the day was celebrated in this manner and the attendance was from the different congregations of the city. The Knights of Pythias were to be especially addressed, and the seats in the middle row of pews, nearest the pulpit, were reserved for them. Their entrance was quite imposing. The silver standard, with its motto which has blazed upon so many fields and led so many fallen heroes, "In Hoc Signo Vinces," the handsome regalia, plumed hats and rattling swords of the good Knights had a military and medieval effect. Rev. C. C. Wright's address was on the journey of the three wise men and their presenting gifts to the young Child. More especially he dealt with the giving. He spoke of the spirit in which the Christian should present himself with the gifts. There are many things to give on Christmas day besides the mere gift itself, although it may have cost us time and money. We need not always go down into the slums to find a place to bestow our Christmas gift. We may find that place in the heart of our neighbor, in the house of sorrow, in the places where man meets man as they go to and fro in the marts of trade. The loving spirit in which makes a brother's grief our own, the interest in all the little things that make life for others, the whisper of sympathy to those bowed under sorrow, those are the best Christmas gifts. A collection was taken, the amount to go to the Benevolent Society and expended in its work.

The Episcopal congregation held their midnight communion services at 12:10 on Christmas Eve, and also a second communion service at 10:00 a. m. Christmas day. A tree was given the children of the Sabbath school Christmas night, the other Sunday schools of the city having given theirs on Christmas eve.

## SANTA CLAUS' VISIT.

How He Came to East Ardmore Presbyterian Church.

If no other little folks in Ardmore saw Santa this Christmas, those out at East Ardmore church had that pleasure. At 7:30 the little church was so crowded that some of the gentlemen had to stand up, and the exercises began. There was a beautiful tree, trimmed with silver chains, silver stars, all sorts of ornaments, and hung with presents of every sort, shape and variety. Much praise had been taken with the young people who took part in these exercises, and the result was most gratifying. The singing was especially fine, both that by the choir and that by the children. There is something peculiarly appealing in the notes that come from a crowd of children, singing in concert. It is as though they protested against the things of earth, and with which they are born, and with which they must contend all their lives long. The pure, ringing, young voices are so clear, so sweet, yet there is a piercing sadness through the music, of which the singers are utterly unconscious.

After the music and recitations, the pastor made a brief talk, then the superintendent, who has labored hard to build up this excellent school, told the children that Santa Claus was on his way to them, and would soon be with them. A tremendous thump at the door was followed by the entrance of the good saint, clad in red cap, sprinkled with the snow gathered in Norway, brightly flowered robes, and black and red stockings.

He rubbed his hands, whistled, stamped and then, expressing intense admiration of the tree, went to work to give each boy and girl a present, but the thing to keep in mind was the way the children gazed and gazed at Santa Claus. They may forget many things, but so long as they live, they will never forget how Santa Claus came to East Ardmore church. If the true spirit of Christmas could bring him, it was there.

## Company and Regiment.

The late A. F. Pyatt, it is learned from Adjutant Pulliam, of John H. Morgan Camp, was a member of Company H, 15th Regiment, Arkansas Infantry.

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## INTERESTING NEWS VIEWS AND GOSSIP FROM NEW YORK

By Glenn Guernsey.

New York, Dec. 26.—Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away and the roar and crash of combat have become but an echo, New Yorkers are beginning to take serious and sober note of the recent warfare between Washington and Park Row. That two great metropolitan newspapers should have so offended against the proprieties as to merit public condemnation of the president of the United States is a thing unprecedented. It is yet too early to judge whether President Roosevelt's strictures will have serious and lasting effect upon the influence of the journals involved. Certainly, no event of recent years has caused such a flurry in the journalistic circles of Park Row, and even here opinion is divided as to the merits of the controversy.

Few persons were surprised when the president attacked the Sun. What ever else he may be, Mr. Roosevelt is earnest, direct and natural—a "man with the back on." The Sun is a journal of circumspection. It is utterly lacking for scorching and steadfast adherence to a policy. It is bright, witty, satirical, much given to classical allusion and caustic criticism, but as devoid of fixed constructive principles as a Mexican dog of hair.

What Voltaire was among writers the Sun is among newspapers—a cynic and a mocker, laughing at all the world, and hiding its own superior wisdom in a multiplicity of words. The great Frenchman himself, dispensing bitter insults in sugar-coated pills of flattery and abject apology, could hardly have surpassed the Sun's brief "compliments" to the president. Between a man like Roosevelt and a newspaper like the Sun, there must of necessity be a natural and bitter antipathy. The president's savage onslaught was a thing to be expected. The Sun's polished and caustic reply was a matter of course.

Between a Roosevelt and a Pulitzer the sources of animosity are more closely associated with the direct cause of the wordy warfare, and less a matter of wide divergence in attitude toward things in general. There are hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers, and among them many admirers of the president, who believe

## MISS PECK'S RECORD

AS MOUNTAIN CLIMBER SHE REACHED AN ALTITUDE OF 24,000 FEET—EXPERIENCES

New York, Dec. 26.—Fresh from a triumphant tour of the Peruvian Andes, during which she scaled the summit of Mount Huascarano one of the highest peaks in the world, Miss Annie S. Peck of Providence, R. I., arrived here yesterday on board the steamer Allamela from Cristobal.

In speaking of her perilous trip up the slope of Mount Huascarano Miss Peck ascribed most of her success to the two Swiss guides who accompanied her.

"It was thanks to the presence of these men," said Miss Peck, "that I succeeded in reaching the 24,000 feet altitude which marks the summit of Huascarano. This height, I believe, surpasses that reached by any one before me. Heretofore the record had been held by W. W. Graham, whose ascent of one of the Himalaya peaks is set down as a climb of 23,800 feet. One of my guides, Rudolph Tangwaidler, lost his gloves on the way up and had both hands frozen. He has since had to have one hand amputated.

"We reached the summit Sept. 2, and the following night as we were making our way down, Tangwaidler, who was leading, slipped and carried me with him over the edge of a fissure. The other guide, Gabriel Zaem Tangwaidler, fortunately for us, had the misstep and braced himself with his alpenstock so that when the rope that bound us all together yanked taut, he retained sufficient purchase on the ice not to be carried over by our combined weight. He called down to us instructions to dig ourselves footholds that would lighten the strain on the rope, and then gradually he pulled us back to him. It was the closest call I had."

Miss Peck, who is nearing 50 years, and whose physique is anything but Amazonian, gives strong lungs and a sound heart consideration in mountain climbing.

"I have demonstrated," said she, "that muscles and great physical strength are not indispensable."

## Dewey is 71 Years Old.

Washington, Dec. 26.—George Dewey, admiral of the United States navy and famous throughout the world as the hero of Manila Bay, today reached the 71st milestone in his

that the ideals of modern journalism come nearest to fulfillment in the Pulitzer papers. To such as these, the violent strictures of the president are matters of much moment. It is no small thing to see the reputation of a friend dragged in the dust, whether that friend be human or a thing of ink and wood pulp. Drawn to the fine point of a question of veracity between the president and Mr. Pulitzer, the latter will not be without his following.

Meanwhile the unprejudiced and observant are inclined to the belief that both parties to the controversy have been unduly severe in their criticisms. Granting the probability that the Panama story was a grave error, it is yet hardly such as to merit the utter damnation of the past, present and future of the newspaper which gave it publicity. Those who do things, whether it be running a newspaper or a nation, make mistakes, and President Roosevelt should be among the first to recognize this fact. So say those whose interest in the controversy is neither hot nor cold.

Whatever of serious moment may result from the warfare of words, it has not been without its element of humor. William Randolph Hearst, the Silent William of the Fourth Estate, wearing upon his god-like brow the shining halo of journalistic holiness, his reputation of spotless purity unshaken by any suspicion of invertebracy—ah, it is indeed a joyous sight to witness this sainted William pointing to his rival, Pulitzer, as a horrible example of the results of sensational methods of journalism.

Mr. Pulitzer "came to this country as a penniless immigrant," charges Saint William. "He slept at first on the benches in the park. He got his first work as a waiter in a saloon. He rose to be a coachman to private families." Thus pitilessly does Saint William expose the skeleton in Mr. Pulitzer's closet. Like a benediction are these words of Saint William. "The President's message is not an attack upon the press, but an attack upon the prostitution of the press. The president's message is a defense of honest, patriotic journalism." Sic semper tyrannis, or words to that effect.

Journey through life. Letters and telegrams of congratulation are pouring in upon the aged sea fighter.

Mrs. Dewey has been exhibiting to friends a little diary begun by the admiral over ten years ago. In this diary is his own account of the battle of Manila Bay. It is as follows:

"Sunday, May 1.—Reached Manila at daylight and immediately engaged the Spanish ships and batteries at Cavite. Destroyed eight ironclads, the Reina Christina and the Castilla, also one large steam transport. Anchored at noon off Manila."

Despite his extreme age Admiral Dewey's general health remains good, and on his birthday he has taken occasion to give some good advice to young men who would achieve lasting health and happiness:

"Young men who want to maintain good health to the end of a long life," he said, "should live out of doors all they can and take plenty of exercise. I have practically lived out of doors all my life. For years, when not at sea, I rode horseback every day. Now I take daily drives. I believe that President Roosevelt's out of doors activity is the chief reason for his ability to do so much work. Such exercise for an active mentality is as vital as eating and sleeping. An active life is the healthiest one. Keep interested in life, meet and be with people. A recluse hates life; a naker among men never."

Today the hero of Manila Bay is a poor man. "But I cheerfully confess that money is not everything in life," he said. "Money does not guarantee happiness or contentment. And I am both happy and contented. If I could live my life over again I should ask only for good health and the same opportunities to do the work I love best. Men and women who are blessed with good health to carry on the work they like best and are happy in the execution of it can hope for no more. That is contentment. And happiness lies in one's work. But equally important for a happy career is a happy domestic life, and in this I am most blessed. I am not ambitious for wealth, but I am rich in many other ways. That which has brought me the most satisfying dividends is friendship. I love my friends, and I hope, they love me."

Hoarse coughs and stuffy colds that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, as it soothes inflamed membranes, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from the system. Sold by all druggists.

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## CHRISTMAS

Will soon be here and we are going to have a bigger and better stock than ever before. No old stuff carried over. We would appreciate your December grocery account. Prompt service and courteous treatment our motto.

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## E. V. STRICKLAND

## FROM NEGRO SCHOOL

## ALLEGED FORGER IN CUSTODY

WHITE GIRL WAS ATTENDING. PARENTS THREATENED WITH ARREST IF REPEATED.

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—Officers of the juvenile court today learned that a young white girl was enrolled as a pupil in Avery college, a colored institution on the North Side, where 400 colored students are enrolled.

The white girl whose name the directors refuse to divulge, was hurried from the school, her parents being threatened with arrest if she was returned to this school, and formal complaint was made to the two white members of the board of directors, who have called a meeting of the entire board and trustees, to be held early next month when the matter will be probed thoroughly.

A letter was tonight addressed by probation officers of the juvenile court to the Rev. G. G. Turley, president of the board, calling attention to the fact that a white girl had been found in his school and threatening if it happened again there might be serious trouble.

The matter caused a great sensation, which was not allayed any by the additional information given boastfully by one of the colored men connected with the college that at different times nine white girls have gone through this college or training school graduating with the colored lads and girls.

It was discovered tonight that there was not a full quota of white men in the directors' board. There are only two, while the charter provides for three white directors and six colored. Dr. John Brashear, the eminent astronomer, is one of the white directors. A third white man will be elected immediately.

Avery College, or Avery Training School, was founded by the will of Charles Avery, a rich ship chandler, and was incorporated in 1849.

One of the colored directors, tonight expressed regret that white girls should have been permitted inside the college, and promised that it would not be repeated. While the Avery endowment is large it is not great enough to carry on the work entirely, and rich white people of Pittsburg have been assisting thinking it was an exclusively colored college.

Mrs. C. S. Maupin, formerly of this city, is here visiting relatives and friends during the holidays. Mr. Maupin is spending the winter at Harlingen, Texas.

## A Dangerous Operation.

In the removal of the appendix by a surgeon. No one who takes Dr. King's New Life Pills is ever subjected to this frightful ordeal. They work so quietly you don't feel them. They cure constipation, headache, biliousness and malaria. 25c. at Ardmore Pharmacy.

PASSED WORTHLESS CHECK AT SULPHUR AND WAS PLACED UNDER ARREST AT SIMON

Sulphur, Okla., Dec. 26.—Deputy Sheriff L. P. Pickens has returned from Simon, where he went to place A. J. Aderholtz under arrest on a charge of forgery.

Aderholtz is alleged to have forged the name of a man named Carmichael of Wynnewood to a check for \$99 and passed it here last Tuesday. When arrested at Simon, Aderholtz had \$51 of the money.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce entertained for Christmas dinner the following guests: L. G. Shelton, Miss Agas, Messrs. Homer Adams and Frazier. It was a pleasant little party, who appreciated the Christmas cheer and good things provided by the courteous host and hostess.

## Rural Route Record.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Frank E. Howell, a rural mail carrier whose route runs out of Vinita, Kan., has established a record for the United States in the delivery of mail in a vehicle drawn by horses, according to the records of the postoffice department here.

Howell has a route that is 24 miles long. It has been discovered that he covers this route in three and one-half hours. When his reports were first received it was supposed that he was using a motor cycle or an automobile, but the department opened its eyes when it found that he was using a two-horse buggy. Howell uses a pair of small horses and changes teams each day. His entire route is over dirt roads. The average time to cover a route 24 miles long in Kansas and Oklahoma is seven hours. Howell has 74 boxes to deliver mail to and collect from and his patrons subscribe for 87 daily newspapers, besides the usual amounts of other classes of mail delivered on rural routes.

## Telegraph President.

The following telegram, similar to thousands of others which are being sent to President Roosevelt from all over the country, was furnished the Ardmoreite for publication: Theodore Roosevelt, President:

The Carpenters' Union of Ardmore, bitterly condemn the action of the court in sentencing Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison as being unjust in the extreme. (Signed)

D. N. FERGUSON, Sec.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cheney and children of Galveston came up to spend Christmas with Mr. Cheney's mother, Mrs. Ida Cheney. Mr. Cheney returned home yesterday, but Mrs. Cheney and children will visit here for several days.